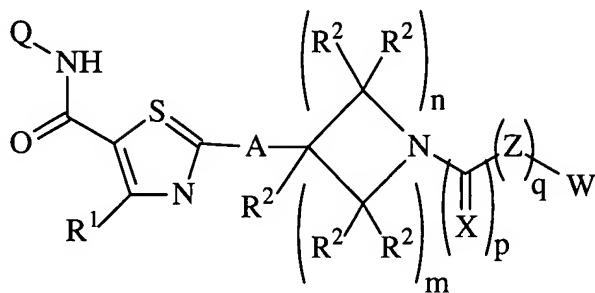
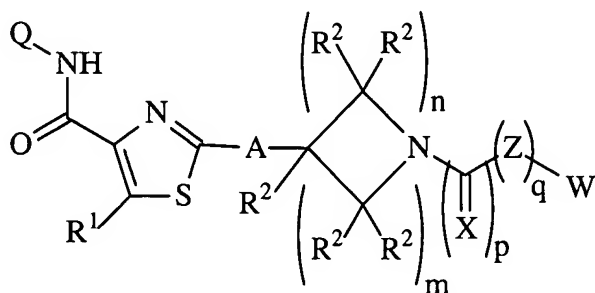


IN THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A compound of formula (I) or formula (II):



(I)



(II)

wherein:

Q is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkylthio, aralkylthio, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, carboxyl, carboxylalkyl, esterified carboxyl, alkylsulfoxyl, alkylsulfonyl, nitro, carbonitrile, carbo-alkoxy, carbo-aryloxy, or heterocyclic group;

A is a single bond or alkylene;

X is O or S;

Z is O, S or NR<sup>3</sup>;

p is 0 or 1;

q is 0 or 1;

n is an integer from 0 to 10;

m is an integer from 0 to 10;

W is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkylthio, aralkylthio, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, carboxyl, carboxylalkyl, esterified carboxyl, alkylsulfoxyl, alkylsulfonyl, nitro, carbonitrile, carbo-alkoxy, carbo-aryloxy, or heterocyclic group;

R<sup>1</sup> is H or alkyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is independently H or alkyl; and

R<sup>3</sup> is H or alkyl;

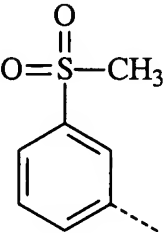
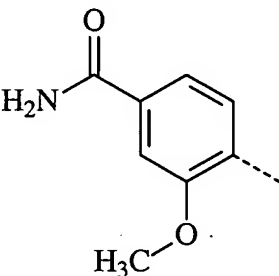
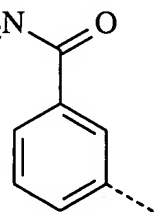
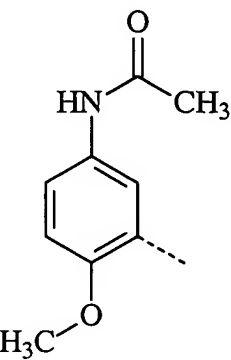
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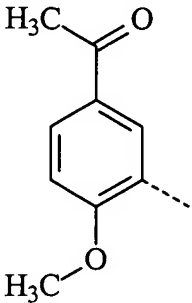
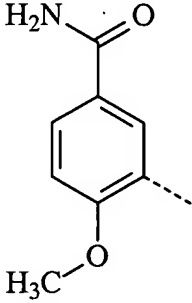
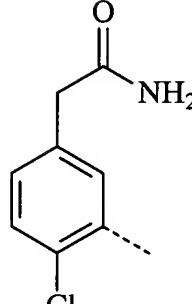
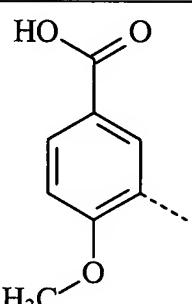
2. (original) The compound of claim 1 of formula (II).
3. (currently amended) The compound of claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein A is a single bond.
4. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 3~~ wherein X is O.
5. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 3~~ wherein X is S and Z is NR<sup>3</sup>.
6. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 5~~ wherein R<sup>3</sup> is H.
7. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 6~~ wherein p = 1.
8. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 7~~ wherein q = 0.
9. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 8~~ wherein the sum n + m is an integer from 2 to 10.
10. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 9~~ wherein the sum n + m is 4.

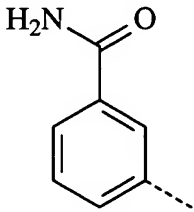
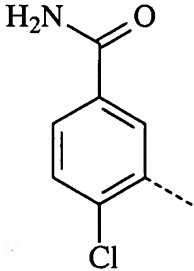
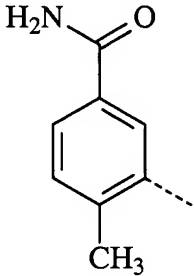
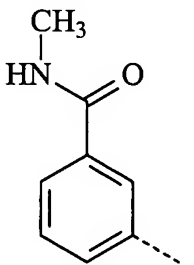
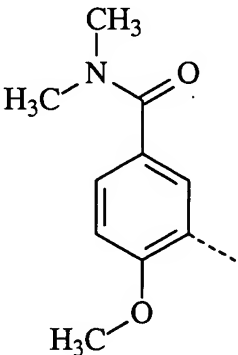
11. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 10~~ wherein  $n = 2$  and  $m = 2$ .
12. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 11~~ wherein  $R^1$  is H.
13. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 12~~ wherein  $R^2$  is H.
14. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 13~~ wherein Q is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, carboxyl, carboxylalkyl, esterified carboxyl, alkylsulfonyl or heterocyclic group.
15. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 14~~ wherein Q comprises an optionally substituted aryl or heterocyclic group.
16. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 15~~ wherein Q is an optionally substituted aryl or heterocyclic group.
17. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 15~~ wherein Q comprises an optionally substituted phenyl.
18. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 17~~ wherein Q is an optionally substituted phenyl.
19. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 16~~ wherein Q is an optionally substituted furanyl.
20. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 16~~ wherein Q is an optionally substituted thienyl.

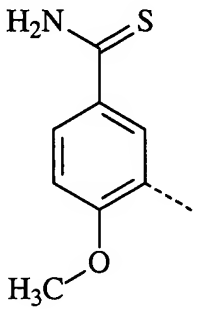
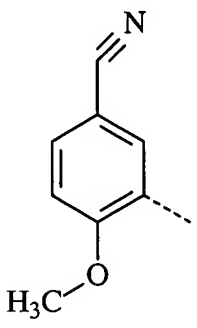
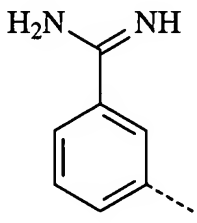
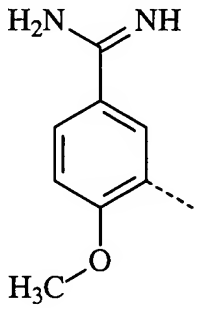
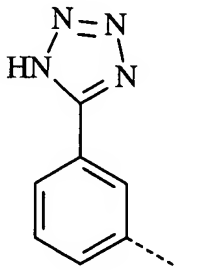
21. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 16~~ wherein Q is a radical selected from the radicals set out in table 1.

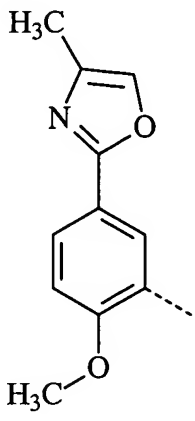
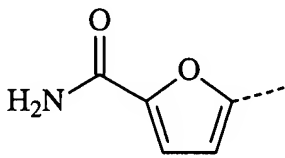
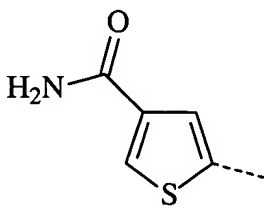
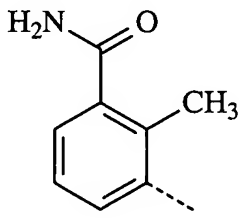
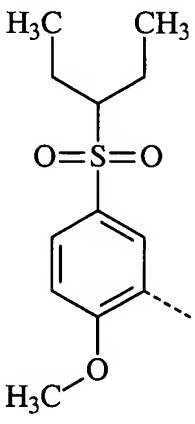
**Table 1**

Q	Radical
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Q <sup>2</sup>	
Q <sup>3</sup>	
Q <sup>4</sup>	

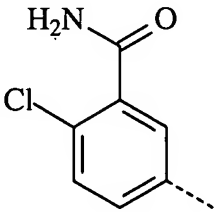
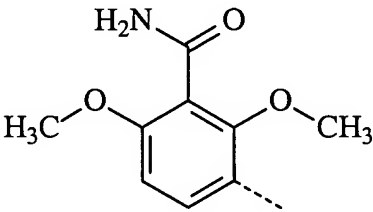
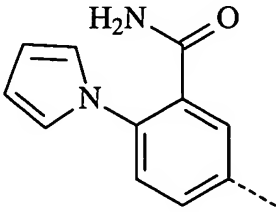
Q <sup>5</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(3-methoxyphenyl)butan-2-one. It consists of a benzene ring with a methoxy group (-OCH<sub>3</sub>) at the 3-position and a butan-2-one chain (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=O)-CH<sub>3</sub>) at the 1-position. A dashed line indicates the attachment point at the 4-position of the benzene ring.</p>
Q <sup>6</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(3-methoxyphenyl)butanamide. It consists of a benzene ring with a methoxy group (-OCH<sub>3</sub>) at the 3-position and a butanamide chain (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=O)-NH<sub>2</sub>) at the 1-position. A dashed line indicates the attachment point at the 4-position of the benzene ring.</p>
Q <sup>7</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(3-chlorophenyl)butanamide. It consists of a benzene ring with a chlorine atom (-Cl) at the 3-position and a butanamide chain (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=O)-NH<sub>2</sub>) at the 1-position. A dashed line indicates the attachment point at the 4-position of the benzene ring.</p>
Q <sup>8</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(3-methoxyphenyl)butanoic acid. It consists of a benzene ring with a methoxy group (-OCH<sub>3</sub>) at the 3-position and a butanoic acid chain (-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-C(=O)-OH) at the 1-position. A dashed line indicates the attachment point at the 4-position of the benzene ring.</p>

Q <sup>9</sup>	
Q <sup>10</sup>	
Q <sup>11</sup>	
Q <sup>12</sup>	
Q <sup>13</sup>	

Q <sup>14</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(methylthio)benzothioamide: A benzene ring with a thioamide group (-C(=S)NH<sub>2</sub>) at the 1-position and a methylthio group (-OCH<sub>3</sub>) at the 4-position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment at the 3-position.</p>
Q <sup>15</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(methylthio)benzonitrile: A benzene ring with a nitrile group (-C≡N) at the 1-position and a methylthio group (-OCH<sub>3</sub>) at the 4-position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment at the 3-position.</p>
Q <sup>16</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of benzylidenehydrazine: A benzene ring with a hydrazine group (-C(=NH)NH<sub>2</sub>) at the 1-position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment at the 3-position.</p>
Q <sup>17</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(methylthio)benzylidenehydrazine: A benzene ring with a hydrazine group (-C(=NH)NH<sub>2</sub>) at the 1-position and a methylthio group (-OCH<sub>3</sub>) at the 4-position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment at the 3-position.</p>
Q <sup>18</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of 1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole: A benzene ring with a 1H-tetrazole group (-N<sub>4</sub>) at the 1-position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment at the 3-position.</p>

Q <sup>19</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-methylisoxazole. It consists of a benzene ring with a methoxy group (-OCH<sub>3</sub>) at the para position and an isoxazole ring at the other para position. The isoxazole ring has a methyl group (-CH<sub>3</sub>) at the 2-position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the benzene ring.</p>
Q <sup>20</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of 2-aminobenzamide. It consists of a benzene ring with an amide group (-CONH<sub>2</sub>) at the 1-position and an amino group (-NH<sub>2</sub>) at the 2-position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the benzene ring.</p>
Q <sup>21</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of 2-aminothiophene-3-carboxamide. It consists of a thiophene ring with an amide group (-CONH<sub>2</sub>) at the 2-position and an amino group (-NH<sub>2</sub>) at the 3-position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the thiophene ring.</p>
Q <sup>22</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of 2-amino-3-methylbenzoic acid. It consists of a benzene ring with a carboxylic acid group (-COOH) at the 1-position, an amino group (-NH<sub>2</sub>) at the 2-position, and a methyl group (-CH<sub>3</sub>) at the 3-position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the benzene ring.</p>
Q <sup>23</sup>	 <p>Chemical structure of 4-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2,2-dimethylpropane-1-sulfonamide. It consists of a benzene ring with a methoxy group (-OCH<sub>3</sub>) at the para position and a sulfonamide group (-SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) at the other para position. A dashed line indicates a point of attachment on the benzene ring.</p>



Q <sup>24</sup>	
Q <sup>25</sup>	
Q <sup>26</sup>	

22. (original) The compound of claim 21 wherein Q is Q<sub>6</sub>, Q<sub>7</sub> or Q<sub>10</sub>.

23. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 22~~ wherein W is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, aralkoxy, alkylthio, aralkylthio, carboxyl, carboxylalkyl, esterified carboxyl, alkylsulfonyl, carbo-alkoxy, carbo-aryloxy or heterocyclic group.

24. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 23~~ wherein W is an optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl or heterocyclic group.

25. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 24~~ wherein W comprises an optionally substituted aryl or heterocyclic group.

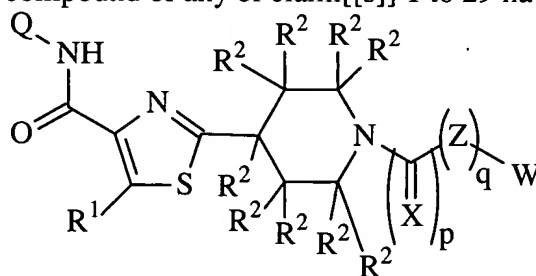
26. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 25~~ wherein W is an optionally substituted aryl or heterocyclic group.

27. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 25~~ wherein W comprises an optionally substituted phenyl.

28. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 27~~ wherein W is an optionally substituted phenyl.

29. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 25 or 27~~ wherein W is a benzyl group optionally substituted on the phenyl ring.

30. (currently amended) A compound of ~~any of claim~~[[s]] 1 ~~to 29~~ having formula (III):



formula (III).

31. (original) A compound of claim 1 selected from:

*N*-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-{1-[(4,7-dimethylpyrazolo[5,1-*c*][1,2,4]triazin-3-yl)carbonyl]-4-piperidinyl}-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

*N*-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-[1-(1-benzofuran-2-ylcarbonyl)-4-piperidinyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

*N*-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-[1-(3-phenyl-2-propynoyl)-4-piperidinyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

2-(1-{[2-(allylsulfanyl)-3-pyridinyl]carbonyl}-4-piperidinyl)-*N*-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-

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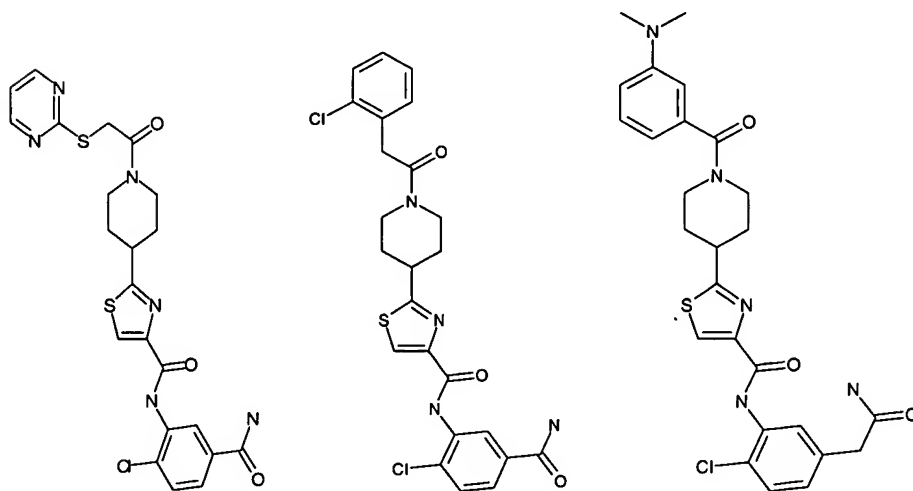
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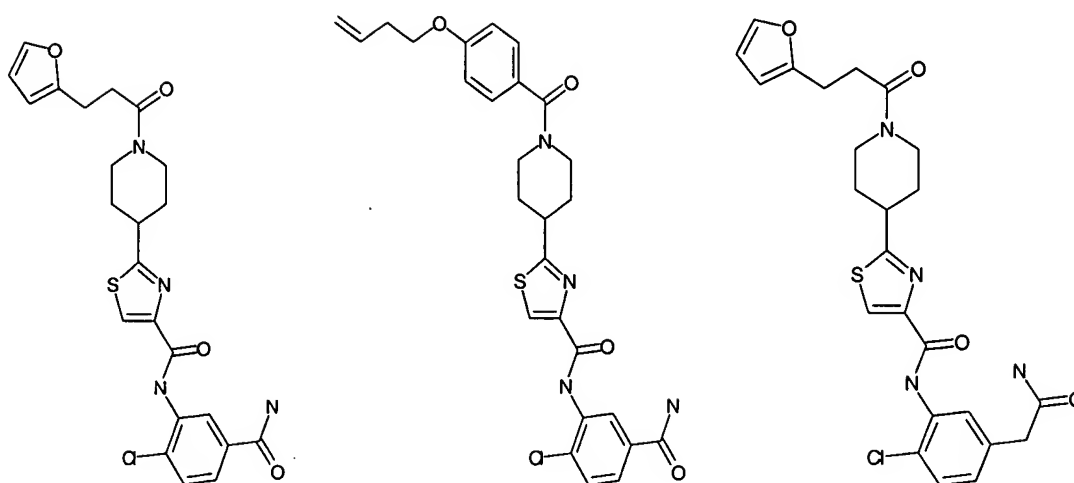
*N*-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-{1-[(3,4-dimethylphenoxy)acetyl]-4-piperidinyl}-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;

*N*-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-[1-({4-(dimethylamino)phenyl}amino)carbonothioyl]-4-piperidinyl]-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide;  
or

*N*-[5-(aminocarbonyl)-2-methoxyphenyl]-2-(1-{[4-(2-pyridinyl)-1-piperazinyl]carbonyl}-4-piperidinyl)-1,3-thiazole-4-carboxamide.

32. (original) A compound of claim 1 selected from:





33. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1 to 32~~ for use in a method of treatment of disease.

34. (currently amended) The compound of ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1 to 32~~ for use in therapy or diagnosis.

35. canceled

36. canceled

37. (currently amended) A method of treating a VEGF-mediated disorder comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective dose of a compound of ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1-34~~.

38. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of ~~any one of claim[[s]] 1-34~~ in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent.

39. canceled

40. canceled

41. (currently amended) A method of treating acute macular degenerative disorder comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective dose of a VEGF inhibitor, wherein the VEGF inhibitor is a compound of claim 1.

42. canceled

43. (currently amended) A VEGF inhibitor for topical administration for the treatment of acute macular degenerative disorder, wherein the VEGF inhibitor is a compound of claim 1.

44. canceled

45. (currently amended) A topical system for the treatment of acute macular degenerative disorder comprising a VEGF inhibitor, wherein the VEGF inhibitor is a compound of claim 1.

46. canceled